

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
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MEETING DATE: 04/12/18

AGENDA ITEM # R.10 OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: X

NAME: Steven DeLoe

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04/11/18

Commissioners,

My name is Steven DeLoe. It is time to think out of the box some have created and some have fallen into. Portland has a unique and fortunate opportunity to use the Wapato facility that has everything needed to help the homeless at a much lower cost.

Wapato is once again available to use as a campus (similar to the one in San Antonio) for the homeless. It is a gift falling in your lap, a slam dunk, home run, no-brainer, an opportunity not to be missed. Time to quit saying 'no' and say 'yes, this can work'. Transportation is the only real logistic that is holding you back, so buy a couple of vans to help people get around, and a couple of golf carts to shuttle people up to Marine Dr to catch the bus, and get going on this.

The facility has everything that is needed. It is senseless and negligent to ignore this facility and not put it to use. Don't let Marc Jolin and Denis Theriault continue to lament how difficult it is to find good quality shelters with someone willing to lease property in a timely manner, while you are holding out on this one that meets all those criteria. Use the money from the new shelters planned for Old Town and on SE Foster, and avoid placing them in neighborhoods where there is so much concern and potential for negative impact.

Rough comparison of facilities.

	Wapato	SE Foster	Difference
Cost*	\$480/person/mo	\$1160/person/mo	\$680/person/mo
(rough approximation based on 10 year operation)	At less than half the cost per person, you can serve 525 people at less than the cost of the 320 beds you are trying to get in with Old Town and SE Foster, more beds less cost		
Number of beds	525	120	
Walk to nearest Bus Stop	4000 ft	100 ft	3900 ft
	Buy a couple of golf carts and shuttle people up to Marine Dr		
Distance to Grocery Store	5.4 mi	1.4 mi	4 mi
	Requires a bus transfer, or a walk to Powell from Foster Shelter		
Distance to Downtown	11.4 mi	5.7 mi	5.7 mi
	Most people commute further than that to work everyday		
Distance to Max	4.3 mi	2.4 mi	1.9 mi

None of these distances are insurmountable, it is so much cheaper, it utilizes a facility in the way it was designed for (no renovations required), and it has a ton of additional amenities that none of your shelters have. Gym space, indoor basketball court, land for gardening, land for recreation, land for pets to run, etc.

I could go on and on, but there is already a lot of great supporting letters and articles out there. Even one from the Portland Police Association that addresses how this would help free up police resources. Please use Wapato to serve the homeless, it makes sense in every way imaginable.

Sincerely,

Steven DeLoe

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*Cost for SE Foster shelter based on \$177,000/yr lease, \$2,000,000 improvements, \$1,200,000/yr operating for 10 years (9.25 years occupied) (from M. Jolin presentation)

*Cost for Wapato based on \$950,000 start up, \$1,680,000/yr maint/utilities, \$1,260,000/yr shelter operations operating for 10 years (from Multnomah County analysis 01/12/2016, except shelter operations, which are approximated based on 10 staff 24 hrs/day)